

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 262**, as amended by Senate Committee of the Whole, be amended on page 1, in line 6, after "parent" by inserting "and not placed with the child's other parent"; also in line 6, after "grandparent" by inserting "who requests custody"; in line 7, by striking "consideration" and inserting "preference";

Also on page 1, following line 20, by inserting:

"(c) If the court does not give custody of a child to a grandparent pursuant to subsection (b) and the child is placed in the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services, a grandparent who requests placement of the child in such grandparent's home shall receive preference in the evaluation of the secretary's placement of the child. The secretary shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, all factors listed in subsection (b) in deciding whether to place the child in the home of such grandparent. If the secretary decides that the child is not to be placed in the home of such grandparent, the secretary shall prepare and maintain a written report providing the specific reasons for such placement.";

And by relettering subsections accordingly;

And the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson